

Garrett Walton has participated in numerous charitable and civic organizations, which include: the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce, the Girl Scouts of Northwest Florida, the Sacred Heart Foundation, the United Way, and the Homebuilders Association of West Florida. He was a founding director/organizer of Northwest Florida Legal Services, Toy Soldiers, Sea Plane Foundation and the Armed Services Council for the Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce.

To many Americans, September 16, 2004, is a date that has come and gone, but to those in northwest Florida and South Alabama, September 16, 2004, is a date that will never be forgotten. It was on that day that Hurricane Ivan washed up on the shores of Alabama and Florida and became the fourth-worst natural disaster in United States history. Not being one to sit on the sidelines and watch as others suffered, Mr. Walton founded Rebuild Northwest Florida in November 2004. Rebuild Northwest Florida, a not-for-profit disaster recovery organization that assists need-based hurricane victims, was founded on this man's vision and spirit during a time when it was needed most. Because of the optimism and efforts of Mr. Walton and the many volunteers of northwest Florida, coupled by the support of the entire community, including local homebuilders, contractors, and charitable organizations, Rebuild Northwest Florida has brought hope to many families whose lives were forever changed on that September morning.

Mr. Walton's local efforts now extend statewide. On February 6, 2007, Florida Governor Charlie Crist appointed Garrett Walton as chairman of the Windstorm Mitigation Study Committee, a statewide committee whose focus is to make recommendations on existing and proposed programs and initiatives for mitigating windstorm damage.

Garrett Walton has proudly served northwest Florida over the past 30 years through his leadership, optimism and dedication. But he is also a dedicated husband, a loving father, a mentor of young professionals, and a slightly above average goose hunter. Pensacola is truly honored to have him as one of her own.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am proud to recognize the achievements of Garrett W. Walton and his exemplary service to the communities of northwest Florida.

IN HONOR OF WEST BERGEN MENTAL HEALTHCARE'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDEES, THE HONORABLE MICHAEL A. CHAGARES AND MARGARET M. CHAGARES

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, this weekend, West Bergen Mental Healthcare will honor the Honorable Michael A. Chagares and Mrs. Margaret M. Chagares for their distinguished service on behalf of the mental health community in Bergen County, New Jersey.

The Chagares' have a long and proud history of service to their community, both as at-

torneys and as citizens. Michael Chagares has served as a Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit for the past year. Prior to that, he had served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Division, where he was the Director of the Affirmative Civil Enforcement Unit and later Chief of the whole division. Judge Chagares also served as a hearing officer for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

Peggy Chagares is also an attorney and volunteers her considerable legal talents to representing the underserved. A mother of four young children, she also volunteers her time to educational activities. For instance, she chairs the Sicomac School's Fifth Grade Activities Board and the school's Art Docent program. She has also served as chairperson of the Parents' Board of Grace Church Nursery School. And, Peggy Chagares has been a coach, a Sunday School teacher, and a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader.

They've put tremendous energy and time into helping West Bergen Mental Healthcare fulfill its mission of serving the community with compassion and quality care. It began as a Child Guidance Clinic more than 40 years ago. Today it offers a full range of services to over 2,000 people a year. They are a model of volunteerism and professionalism, and I applaud their commitment to the community.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF JACK SEBOLKA

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. John "Jack" Andrew Sebolka, as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

Jack was born on March 21, 1907, in Wilkes-Barre, PA, and was one of four children born to John and Anne Sebolka. Inspired by his father, Jack went to work in the local coal mines upon his graduation from St. John's University. Realizing that mining was not his calling, he began helping his grandparents with their farm. Throughout the Roaring Twenties and Great Depression, he dove into a myriad of professions including construction, selling furniture, and the gold business. In 1939, Jack became a sales representative for the United Furniture Manufacturers, where he worked until his retirement in 1982.

Jack married Marie Bombick on November 21, 1936, in Lake Silkworth, PA. The couple had two children, Ronald and James. The family made their home on a 15-acre farm in Jackson Township, PA, where Jack spent his "leisure time" growing vegetables on the farm. Tragically, Marie passed away from cancer in 1967, but Jack never left her side.

In June 1972, Jack remarried to Mary Laux. After their wedding they took a honeymoon trip around the world. They stopped in Bangkok, Thailand, where they spent 5 weeks with his son, James, who was then an advisor to the Thai Government. Mary was struck by cancer in 1976. Once again, Jack helped nurse his wife through treatment, but she passed in 1977.

Jack pressed on with work at United until his diagnosis with Guillian-Barre Syndrome,

GBS, which is found in approximately 1 out of every 100,000 persons. Jack was faced with immediate paralysis from the neck down, and remained hospitalized for several months. Through sheer determination and the loving support of his family, Jack beat the odds and began taking small steps after just 7 months of rehabilitation. Doctors called him "Miracle Man."

Jack currently resides at the Goodwin House in Alexandria, VA. He enjoys weekly bingo and group crossword puzzle sessions with his friends. Jack has lived a life by the Golden Rule: Give unto others as you would have them give unto you. He demonstrates great faith, patriotism, a strong work ethic and a genuine love for other people.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my warmest wishes to Mr. Sebolka on this special occasion. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his 100th birthday and in wishing him the very best on this day and every day that follows.

CELEBRATING BISHOP SYLVESTER MORTON, SR., OF GREATER ST. STEPHEN FULL GOSPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 23, 2007

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker:

Whereas Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr., was born in Ontario, Canada, July 30, 1950, to Bishop Clarence L. Morton, Sr., and Mother Matilda E. Morton;

Whereas Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr., was called to enter the ministry on February 24, 1967;

Whereas Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr., in 1975 was installed as Senior Pastor of Greater St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church to shepherd the flock;

Whereas Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr., with his wife Debra at his side, grew that ministry of 647 believers into a 20,000 member congregation with five places of worship now called St. Stephens Full Gospel Baptist Church;

Whereas Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr., is dedicated to winning souls to the Lord, whether from the pulpit or as a world renowned author and singer of the gospel;

Whereas Bishop Morton's sole purpose has always been to help people to reach their ultimate potential spiritually by teaching them how to develop a personal relationship with God and showing them how to operate in "spirit over mind". Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr.'s commitment to God is evident;

Now, therefore I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., United States Representative of the Fourth Congressional District of Georgia, do hereby recognize the celebration of service to God on this 25th day of March year 2007 with Bishop Paul Sylvester Morton, Sr., and the membership of St. Stephens Full Gospel Baptist Church.